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Subject: RE: Emergencies Act - Confidential IGA Communication

Importance: High

No problem at all Michael.

To supplement the Premier's statement, I respectfully suggest you also get an update from the national RCMP folks liaising with provincial RCMP forces at Emerson. Local law enforcement is reasonably confident that a negotiated resolution is imminent. The trailer encampment is/was in the process of being cleared out today. Many large vehicles and farm tractors had also been powered up, in the expectation of withdrawal. All as confirmed by drone surveillance.

The federal EA musing has negatively impacted this momentum, at least initially. Those prospects do not provide additional tools to local RCMP law enforcement at the Emerson Border crossing. To the contrary, they are a hindrance; are not welcomed by them, and make all of their operational work and planning more difficult.

All as anticipated by our Premier during the call.

Again, our government's position is that the EA, if it is being invoked, should not be applied in Manitoba.

Moreover, our Justice department is currently also examining:

- Whether the definition of a "Public Order Emergency", incorporating as it does "threats to the security of Canada" under the *Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act*, even applies in Manitoba;
- Whether any of the 3 conditions for a "national emergency" are met, in Manitoba;
- The adequacy of the mandatory s. 25 consultation, regarding Manitoba; recognizing that today's call was the first indication of any kind that resort to the extraordinary reach of the Emergencies Act was under consideration (in relation to Manitoba).

On this last point, the possibility of the EA was not raised in Minister Alghabra's call, to our Minister Piwniuk, on Saturday. And the anticipated more general calls from Minister Mendicino, to our Minister Goertzen, and from Minister LeBlanc to our Premier, did not materialize at all yesterday.

Regards,

Mike

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Thank you Michael. I appreciate you sharing this.

Michael

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I'm sure picked up over there. But my Premier put this out a short time ago, fyi.

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